# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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SERVICES OF BSNL IN BORDER AREAS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited network is not functioning in the areas around the Indo-Nepal border while the network of mobile services operating from Nepal are functioning in such areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard keeping in view the security concerns in the border regions?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir.There were restrictions on the functioning of mobile services as per the Government policy in the " No Service Zone" i.e. 500 meter within the International Border. This policy has been amended in the month of July, 2008. Accordingly, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is progressively providing coverage in these areas. Presently, Indian operators' mobile signals are prescribed to be faded out when nearing or about to cross the international border and to become unusable within a reasonable distance across the border.